



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 3732

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 3732

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated June 24, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and (e), and 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.